

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE April 11, 1966

Full Name THORPE, WILLIAM JAMES  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 489 Collins Street

City West Chester State Pennsylvania

Age 26 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Prot. Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation 6th Grade Teacher at Main St. Elementary School

Education Grad. West Chester State College

Weight 170 Color W Height approx. 6'

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Married Children None  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
<u>Troop 274</u>	<u>Upland, Pa.</u>		<u>SM</u>	<u>11/65</u>	<u>4/66</u>

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Committed to Broadmeadows Prison, Delaware County, Pa. to serve a sentence of 2 to 10 years for raping a 12 year old girl.

Information taken from letter of  
April 5, 1966 from  
W. E. Corder

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Executive

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April 11, 1966

Mr. W. E. Corder  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: William James Thorpe  
Scoutmaster, Troop 274

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, and the enclosed newspaper clippings concerning William James Thorpe, Scoutmaster of Troop 274. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Troop roster.

The information you provided will enable us to identify Mr. Thorpe should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

I am sure you realize that this leaves Troop 274 without any registered unit leader. Undoubtedly, someone is taking over in this position. In order for the unit to continue to receive program inserts in Scouting Magazine, it will be necessary to advise this office of the name of the new unit leader. This should be done by filing with us an additional enrollment for this individual in his new position. Please do not file a separation notice as we have already dropped the current leader.

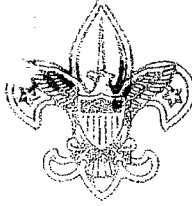
Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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April 5, 1966

Mr. Howard P. Boyd,  
Director Registration Service  
National Council - BSA  
New Brunswick, New Jersey


Dear Howard:

We wish to place William James Thorpe, 489 Collins Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, on the Confidential file. On March 30, 1966 Thorpe was committed to the Broadmeadows Prison, Delaware, Co., Pennsylvania to serve a sentence of 2 to 10 years for raping a 12-year-old girl.

He is a graduate of West Chester State College and was a sixth-grade teacher in the Main Street Elementary School. He is married--age 26 - no children. He is approximately 6 feet tall--170 lbs. - black hair--brown eyes. He is currently listed as Scoutmaster of Troop 274, sponsored by the Upland P.T.A., Upland, Pennsylvania. That charter expires November 1966. Attached are two newspaper clippings regarding Thorpe's actions.

If there is more information needed, please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. E. Corder  
Scout Executive

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# Teacher Accused Of Attack

UPLAND — A sixth - grade teacher at the Main Street Elementary School has been charged with rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor as a result of alleged [redacted] with one of [redacted] 12-year-old [redacted].

William J. Thorpe, 26, of 300 block of W. Minor St. West Chester, was arraigned before Upper Providence Just. of the Peace Dewey Lake Tuesday. He waived a preliminary hearing and was ordered held without bail for court on the charges.

Thorpe was arrested at the school by county detective Tuesday.

Detectives declined to reveal any of the details of the case.

The school board discussed the situation Wednesday night and suspended Thorpe until hearing at the Main Street School 7:30 p.m. March 1.

# Is Fired At Upland

UPLAND—The school board fired a sixth-grade teacher at the Main Street Elementary School Tuesday night in connection with a morals case involving a 12-year-old [redacted].

The board, which had suspended the teacher last month after criminal charges were brought against him, said it was terminating his contract effective last Feb. 19.

William J. Thorpe, 26, of West Chester, has been charged with rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Chief County Detective Maurice L. (Bill) Maitland told the board Tuesday night Thorpe is to be tried in Delaware County Court on March 11.

In other action, the board authorized Supervising Principal Warren L. Whittaker and Solicitor Malcolm Petrikin to negotiate a contract with Ridley Township School District which has agreed to accept the borough's 10th through 12th graders next year.

The board voted to join with Penn-Delco and Garnet Valley School Districts in an Elementary-Secondary Educational Act.

# Joined in Attack

MEDIA COURTHOUSE — An Upland sixth - grade teacher pleaded guilty today to raping one of his 12-year-old [redacted] and was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in Broadmeadows Prison.

Judge Francis J. Canina denied a defense plea for probation and ordered William J. Thorpe, 26, of West Chester, to prison and fined him \$100.

Chief County Detective Maurice L. (Bill) Maitland testified Thorpe raped the [redacted] the Main Street Elementary School five or six times between December, 1965, and February.

Defense attorney Harold J. Hughes asked the court to place Thorpe on probation with the condition that he undergo psychiatric treatment.

A psychiatrist and 11 character witnesses appeared for Thorpe, who has been disgraced by the Upland School Board.

"This is the type of crime which shocks the conscience of a community," Judge Canina said. "Prison is the only disposition consistent with the ends of justice."